Our vision is a world in which all people have reliable access to the treatment, knowledge, and supplies required to maintain dental health.

**Mission**

- “The mission of A Reason To Smile (ARTS) is to empower African communities without access to dental professionals to achieve and maintain a higher level of oral health by providing hygiene education, direct treatment, and dental supplies.”
- ARTS was founded as a non-sectarian organization, 501(c)(3) in 2014 by Dr. Gunther Heyder.

**Numbers at a Glance**

The need for dental care in African countries is unquestionable:

- **80%** of Africans receive their primary healthcare from traditional healers, and access to dental care is very low.
- The average dentist-to-population ratio across the continent is **1:150,000**, compared to approximately **1:1,667** in the United States (WHO).
- **43.1** deaths per **1000** live births in Senegal due to Periodontal Disease.

Completed **8** international trips, **OVER 3,000** patients treated, and **30** communities educated.
Organization Goals:

• June 2019: Form sponsor relationships with five U.S. dental offices and other health/aid organizations.

• June 2019: Develop relationships with dental and hygiene schools to enhance our visibility among young potential volunteers.

• June 2019: Develop a third location for annual service trips.

• January 2020: Establish a reliable annual budget of $75,000, supporting three service trips. Desired breakdown of approximately 30% grant income, 35% sponsor income, and 35% individual donor income (including volunteer contribution). Create formal shadowing opportunities for local health officials in Senegal and Uganda to work alongside ARTS, learning more about proper dental care.

Our Locations:

We Work in the North Podor region of Senegal and in Southern Uganda.

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